

Blues video looks at glory days

TELEVISION producer John Taylor is putting together a video of the Wycombe Wanderers glory days at Loakes Park before the team leave the famous old pitch for their new ground.

John, 46, a senior sports producer for Thames Television, and fellow enthusiast, commentator Alan Parry hit on the idea to mark the end of an era for the Blues.

Footage from the amateur Cup Final of 1956-7 when the Blues lost to Bishop Auckland will be included.

John, who played for Wanderers' youth team and once turned out for the first team, also has newsreel film of Wanderers' match against the Ugandan national team in the 1950s.

The Ugandans played bare-footed and lost 10-0.

Anyone who may have old film, pictures or memorabilia of Wycombe players and Loakes Park should ring John on 01 387 9494.

Or they can bring their memorabilia to the open day on April 29, at 2.30pm. Ex-players will be turning out for a series of five-a-side matches across the famous pitch.

It will be the last chance to play on the ground before the bull-dozers move in.

John said: "It is the end of one era for the club and the start of a new one when they move to the new ground."

John is hoping to find the oldest player from the team's history at the open day to include him in the video.

He will produce the video and Alan Parry will do the commentary.

John said: "Alan and I have both got great affection for the team and Loakes Park. I used to watch the team as a boy, then when I started training with them I played with my heroes.

"In my job I have met great names like Mohammed Ali and Pele, yet it was a big thrill meeting the stars of Wycombe in the '50s and '60s."